

money. Harper stressed that the project for elementary students was not a contest.

"We want to develop students so that they can have effective communication skills in whatever they want to do," he explained.

Kindergarten teacher Barb Sherry said she has seen growth in the student's public speaking skills. Both she and Acklin believe the program also provides an opportunity to highlight the importance of patriotism.

"We try to teach a sense of community and respect for our country," Acklin said. "Every morning we say the Pledge of Allegiance and talk about how lucky we are to live in a free country."

Harper told the first grade students he was so impressed with their accomplishment of speaking in front of a group that they would have a party and talk about how to take care of the flag.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. CASS BALLENGER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 23, 1997*

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, June 20, I missed rollcall votes 221, 222, 223, and 224. Had I been present I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote 221; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 222; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 223; and "aye" on rollcall vote No. 224.

#### RECOGNITION OF SHERIFF FRED SCORALICK, INCOMING PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION

### HON. SUE W. KELLY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 23, 1997*

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, on June 25, 1997, the National Sheriff's Association will inaugurate Sheriff Fred W. Scoralick of Dutchess County, NY, as its new president. It is a distinct pleasure for me to join the residents of Dutchess County in recognizing my constituent Sheriff Scoralick, who has devoted his life to law enforcement.

Sheriff Scoralick first entered the law enforcement community in 1961, as a part-time deputy sheriff. Through diligence and ability, Fred Scoralick achieved the rank of undersheriff in April 1976, and, in November 1978, he was elected sheriff of Dutchess County, NY.

Sheriff Scoralick has an impressive background in law enforcement. He is a graduate of the National Sheriff's Institute. In addition, he has completed specialized training at Iona College in New Rochelle, NY, and John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Throughout his law enforcement career, he has also studied safety, management, and corrections under the auspices of the Municipal Training Council, the New York State Commission of Corrections, the New York City Police Department, and the FBI Academy.

Mr. Speaker, Sheriff Scoralick has brought the same dedication to the wider law enforcement community that he brings to his duties in Dutchess County. He has served as the chairman of the executive committee of the New York State Sheriff's Association. Indeed, Sher-

iff Scoralick has held every office within this organization, including president. In 1987, he was elected to the NSA's Board of Directors. Currently, Sheriff Scoralick serves as the chairman of the NSA Insurance Committee, cochaired the NSA Board and the Educational Foundation Committee, and is active on the Budget, Traffic Safety and Management Subcommittees.

Mr. Speaker, Sheriff Scoralick has made invaluable contributions to our community. He has succeeded in bringing new services to Dutchess County, including DARE, Youth Support, Crash Management, Arson investigation, County Wide Drug Task Force, and the Senior Citizen "Are You OK?" Service. Besides spearheading these programs, Sheriff Scoralick also oversaw the construction of a new jail.

He has repeatedly demonstrated his ability as a leader and public guardian. In 1970, he won the American Legion Heroism Medal. In addition, Sheriff Scoralick is also a past recipient of the Police Benevolent Association President's Award. In 1985, his able leadership was recognized by President Ronald Reagan. Sheriff Scoralick was the 1996 recipient of the Multi-County Community Development Corporation Award.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and all Members to join me in paying tribute to Sheriff Fred Scoralick. He is an exemplary public servant who has devoted his life to making his community a better place. I applaud Sheriff Scoralick's dedication and wish him continued success in his endeavors.

#### TRIBUTE TO FANCHER CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### HON. GEORGE P. RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 23, 1997*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Clovis Unified School District's Fancher Creek Elementary for being named a 1997 California Distinguished School. The faculty and students of Fancher Creek Elementary exemplify excellence with exceptional student achievement and staff development.

The mission of Fancher Creek Elementary School is to educate all students in a challenging, disciplined, and supportive environment, enabling them to reach their potential of becoming productive citizens who will make positive life-long contributions to society.

A positive school climate is the essential factor of Fancher Creek's environment. The school's motto, *Falcons Have Pride*, sets such a tone for the students. Monthly award programs recognize students who achieve goals in academics, athletics, and cocurricular activities. Expectations are clear and consistent, and the standards for student achievement and conduct are high.

Fancher Creek has over 900 students of which 61 percent receive free or reduced lunch and 33 percent are English Language learners. The student body is composed of 23.8 percent Asian (Hmong), 32 percent Hispanic, 34.9 percent white, 8.2 percent African-American, and 0.7 percent American Indian. Despite facing cultural diversity, language differences, a high transiency rate (46.4 per-

cent), and other economic problems, Fancher Creek Elementary has maintained tough standards, as measured by the Clovis Unified School District accountability model, which is the Clovis assessment system for sustained improvement [CLASSI].

Fancher Creek Elementary received the Clovis Unified School District Exemplary School Award, the district's highest honor. This award is given for overall excellence in student achievement, school management, community involvement, and cocurricular priorities.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I pay tribute to Clovis Unified School District's Fancher Creek Elementary. The students and faculty of this school share both a care for the community and a dedication to hard work. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Fancher Creek Elementary many more years of successful teaching.

#### IN HONOR OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF INDUSTRY

### HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 23, 1997*

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the city of Industry on its 40th anniversary. On Saturday, June 21, 1997, the residents and businesses of the city of Industry will join to celebrate this momentous occasion.

The city of Industry was incorporated June 18, 1957. A city devoted to the business community, its basic purpose is to provide a well organized center for industry and commerce of all types. During the last decade, the city of Industry has emerged as one of the leading industrial centers of the "Pacific Empire Industrial Corridor."

In 1990, the residential population of the city of Industry was 631. This small residential community is represented by five city council members: Mayor Tom J. Durant, Mayor Pro Tem John P. Ferrero, Councilman Lawrence Mayo, Councilman Manuel Garcia, and Councilman Dean M. Winn.

The community will pause its celebration, on Saturday, in remembrance of a dear friend and outstanding civic leader of the city of Industry. Mayor John Ferrero, 1912-96, served as mayor of the city of Industry for 39 years. His distinguished service on the city council is marked with dedication and commitment to the city of Industry.

Among Mayor Ferrero's many accomplishments during his tenure was the official public opening of the Workman House Homestead. The homestead is a testimonial to the rich history of the region. Through interpretative programs, history comes alive as visitors explore the social and cultural life of three decades, significant to the site and the Nation: the 1840's, 1870's, and 1920's.

The business community of the city of Industry is served by the Industry Manufacturers Council [IMC], originally formed as the Industry chamber of commerce in 1962. In 1970, the chamber expanded to include the IMC and retained its name. The IMC is composed of individual firms located in the city and governed by the board of directors: President William White, Vice President Boyd Clarke, Secretary